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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,
BOX FILE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1878,

PORTLAND:
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1878.

REPORT.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1877.

For State Tax,		\$1,539 75
“ County Tax,		990 05
“ Schools,	\$1,300 80	
“ Support of Poor,	800 00	
“ Notes and Interest,	1,625 00	
“ Contingent,	1,000 00	
“ Roads and Bridges,	500 00	
“ Collector's Premium,	119 22	
“ Overlap,	32 88	
“ Supplement,	9 00	
“ Unpaid Highway,	40 61	
	<hr/>	\$5,427 51
Total Assessments,		\$7,957 31

Total Valuation, **\$556,225.**

Total number of Polls, **414.**

Poll Tax, **\$3 00.**

Rate of taxation, **12 mills on the dollar.**

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Leighton & Wilson, supplies furnished Ephraim B. Field for 1875,	\$8 55
“ Win. S. Blanchiard, aid to poor 1876,	75
“ Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber, 1876,	22 00
“ Barnwell J. Thompson, for board of Betsy Hamilton to March 1st, 1877,	50 00
“ Treas. Insaue Hospital, support of Eaton Jones and Bryan,	105 79
“ E. B. Shaw, support of Abbott boys,	49 27
“ Jordan Brown, food and lodging for 21 tramps,	15 75
“ E. B. Shaw, support of Rufus Stubbs,	41 75
“ Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	20 00
“ E. B. Shaw, board of Stubbs and Abbott boys,	78 00
“ Treas. Insane Hospital, support of Eaton, Brynn and Jones,	109 13

" Treas. Cape Elizabeth, supplies to H. C. Miller,	15 00
" Simeon Jones, board of John Jones,	26 00
" E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,	41 85
" " " " Abbott boys,	55 20
" Treas. Insane Hospital, support of Eaton and Bryan,	67 30
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber,	24 00
" P. A. Merrill, use of stable for tramps,	5 00
" York & Doughty, pilot bread "	4 20
" Simeon Jones, board of John Jones, including Dr. Bates' bill,	37 00
" D. L. Blanchard, expense to Augusta with J. Jones,	2 00
" Edward Butler, three tickets to Augusta,	5 70
" E. B. Shaw, support of Stubbs and Abbott boys,	78 00
" Lewis Merrill, food and lodging for 98 tramps,	7 26
" J. M. Drinkwater, food and lodging for 14 tramps,	7 00
" M. W. Hall, M. D., examination of John Jones,	2 00
" Treas. Insane Hospital, for support of Eaton, Bryan, Jones and C. W. Sweetsir,	106 08
" Sarah Hamilton, board of Jane Webber 5 weeks,	10 00
" D. R. Allen, supplies to poor,	6 34
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	\$1,000 92
Sum raised by town,	800 00
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Balance against town,	\$200 92

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, interest on \$260 note,	\$ 17 50
" " " " " 1,000 "	75 00
" Treas. Portland Saving Bank, interest on \$3,000 note,	109 50
" Trustees Greely Institute, interest on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000, \$500 and \$300 notes,	624 00
" Trens. Portland Savings Bank, interest on \$3,000 note,	90 00
" " Cumberland School fund,	52 62
" Trustees Greely Institute, interest on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000, \$500 and \$300 notes,	624 00
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	\$1,592 62
Sum raised by town,	1,625 00
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Balance in favor of town,	\$32 38

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. G. Reed, bridge stringers,	\$ 6 00
" S. P. Powell, labor on bridge,	25 88
" " building town landing by job,	85 00
" C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,	8 17
" David Allen, labor on bridge and stone,	28 00
" Samuel Winch, labor on bridge,	11 62
" E. W. Morrison, labor on bridge,	3 00

" Howard O. Merrill, labor on bridge,	24 37
" Edward W. Hadley, labor on bridge,	11 25
" Edmond D. Merrill, labor on bridge,	7 50
" C. W. Shaw, mending chains,	94
" Daniel Shaw, labor on bridge,	2 25
" E. G. Prince, labor on bridge and stone,	23 25
" Lewis Merrill, labor on highway,	5 00
" Albert Drinkwater, stone for bridge,	5 00
" Jordan Brown, labor on bridge,	6 00
" N. M. Shaw, labor on stone and bridge,	3 75
" R. N. Leighton, labor on stone and bridge,	7 00
" D. R. Allen, labor and materials,	46 50
" M. W. Pearson, bridge railings,	1 50
" Wm. M. Merrill, hauling stone for bridge,	27 00
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Sum raised by town,	\$347 23
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Balance in favor of town,	500 00
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	\$162 77

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid George Hannaford, labor on highway,	\$22 40
" Wm. M. Blanchard, horse and man to Center,	1 25
" J. W. Morrison, breaking snow, Dist. No. 14,	6 80
" J. R. Duran, breaking snow,	1 75
" A. H. Parris, surveyor, labor on highway,	26 91
" John A. Hamilton, services as Constable,	2 50
" Joab Black, supt. of burying-ground and repairs,	4 50
" Nath'l Thompson, surveyor, breaking snow,	32 40
" Kendall & Whitney, one iron scraper,	8 00
" Wm. L. Loring, services as Auditor,	2 50
" T. B. Davis, powder and fuse,	1 09
" M. N. & F. G. Rich, printing 300 town reports,	15 00
" O. S. Collins, lumber and removing fence,	6 75
" York & Doughty, stationery,	54
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as Clerk town meeting, 1877,	2 00
" A. J. Osgood, services as Moderator town meeting, 1876-77,	6 00
" Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, books and stationery,	11 80
" Edward Ross, building burying-ground fence by contract,	87 20
" S. M. Rideout, repairing hearse,	3 10
" Levi Lufkin, services as Constable,	10 00
" Alvin Leighton, Collector's premium for 1875-76,	150 00
" Joseph Hicks, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood, sawed and split,	3 25
" Win. M. Merrill, bridge plank,	8 98
" " " labor on highway,	6 30
" S. T. Merrill, for taxes bid in by town,	58 74
" Alvin Leighton, for taxes bid in by town,	136 33
" S. T. Merrill, services as Treasurer, 1877,	30 00

" Joseph Sawyer, attending funerals with hearse,	27 00
" A. S. Sweetsir, services as Town Clerk,	12 00
" E. K. Sweetsir, services as Supervisor of Schools,	68 00
" N. M. Shaw, services and travelling expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	69 25
" D. R. Allen, services and travelling expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	79 70
" D. R. Allen, order book, use of derrick, &c.,	6 10
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Sum raised by town,	\$908 14
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Balance in favor of town,	\$91 86

TAXES ABATED 1877.

Abated on lists of Alvin Leighton, for 1875, by vote of town,	\$46 74
" " " " " 1876, " "	10 41
" " " " " 1874, by Selectmen,	8 00
" " " " " 1875, " "	14 75
" " " " " 1876, " "	6 50
" " C. E. Herrick, " 1877, " "	21 00
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	\$102 40
Amount assessed for Poor,	\$800 00
" " " notes and interest,	1,625 00
" " " roads and bridges,	500 00
" " " contingent,	1,000 00
" " " Collector's premium,	119 22
" " " overlay,	32 88
" " " supplement,	9 00
Highway deficiencies,	40 61
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Total,	\$4,126 71
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	3,951 31
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Balance in favor of town,	\$175 40
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	\$3,951 31

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. BLANCHARD, AUDITOR.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	\$1,250 00
" " Greely Institute,	20,800 00
" " Cumberlarid School fund,	877 00
" " Portland Savings Bank,	3,000 00
Balance due School Districts,	793 35
Outstanding bills, including Collector's premium, estimated,	211 00
Town Orders outstanding,	539 65
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Liabilities,	\$27,471 00

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer,	\$5,159 34
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	58 74
“ “ “ “ “	136 33
Due State Mill Tax,	584 88
“ State School fund,	366 03
“ John Jones' bank book in Treasurer's hands,	128 90
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	554 93

Availabilities,	\$6,989 15
Balance against town,	\$20,481 85
Respectfully submitted,	

D. R. ALLEN,	}	Selectmen
N. M. SHAW,		of
A. R. LITTLEFIELD.		Cumberland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury, March, 1877,	\$3,926 00
Assessor's Commitment for 1877,	5,427 51
Received from Tax Deeds redeemed,	68 67
“ from State for Schools,	975 67
“ Cumberland School Fund,	102 62
“ State for Free High School,	500 00

	\$11,000 47
Paid out, Town Orders,	5,841 13

Balance due the Town,	\$5,159 34
Amount due from Collectors,	4,628 91
Cash to balance,	530 43
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	\$5,159 34

Due from Alvan Leighton, Collector	1876,	\$1,588 82
“ C. M. Farwell,	“ 1877,	30 99
“ “ C. E. Herrick,	“ “	3,009 10
		<hr/> \$4,628 91

S. T. MERRILL, TREASURER.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

F. W. BLANCHARD, AUDITOR.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term of school commenced March 5th; number of pupils, seventy-three; J. Marshall Hawkes, Principal; Miss M. G. Buxton, 1st Assistant; Miss Julia E. Wilder, Miss Emma C. Pittee and Master Charles Mountfort, 2d Assistants; and continued eleven weeks.

The Fall term commenced Monday, Aug. 27th, with eighty. one pupils, and the same teacher as Principal, and Miss Maria S. Merrill as 1st Assistant, with the same 2d Assistants as the previous term, continuing twelve weeks.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 3d; number of pupils, sixty-six; Mr. Hawkes, Principal; Miss Merrill, 1st, and Miss Pittee, 2d Assistant, same teachers as previous term.

Spring term commences Monday, March 4th.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	\$1 2,000 00
“ “ “ “	6,000 00
“ “ “ “	2,000 00
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Total,	\$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	\$300 00
“ Cash on hand	1 10
“ six months interest on Town Note (\$300),	9 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	9 00
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	\$319 10
Cash expended for Chemicals,	\$3 93
“ “ “ Cabinet Case,	8 25
“ on hand,	6 92
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	\$19 10
Town of Cumberland Note,	<hr/>
	300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,	\$528 68
May and November Dividends,	22.99
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	\$551 67
	150 00
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	\$401 67
Cash on hand,	\$10 75
Interest received on \$90 hired to pay Bills,	3 37
Drawn from Bank,	150 00
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	\$164 12
Expended for one copy of the Centennial	
“History,	4 50
Expended for one Book-case,	9 75
“ “ Painting Library Room,	5 50
“ “ Catalogues,	1 65
“ “ 30 Library Books,	39 97
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	\$61 37
Deposited February, 1878,	102 75
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Amount in Bank, February, 1878,	504 42

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland Note,	\$500 00
“ amount due on Tuition Books previous to Spring term, 1878,	\$114 00
Cash balance,	110 45
Total accumulated,	<hr/> \$724 45

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND OTHER
SOURCES IN ACCT WITH TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid J. Marshall Hawkes, Chemicals,	\$3 93
“ Wm. D. Little & Co., Insurance permit extended,	2 60
“ Wm. D. Little & Co., do. on Building, &c.,	51 00
“ C. M. & J. N. Farwell, part pay on job in Institute,	50 00
“ C. M. & J. N. Farwell, full amount due them on job,	100 00
“ S. L. Farwell, cleaning, oiling, &c.,	2 50
“ J. M. Hawkes, Principal, teaching Spring term,	333 33
“ Maria G. Buxton, 1st Assistant, “ “	110 00
“ Julia E. Wilder, 2d “ “ “	6 00
“ Emma C. Pittee, 2d “ “ “	6 00
“ Charles Mountfort, 2d “ “ “	5 00
“ G. D. Sweetser, care of building, “ “	20 00
“ F. G. Rich & Co., printing 300 Reports,	6 00
“ “ “ “ “ 500 Catalogues,	29 00
“ “ “ “ extra time on proof of Reports,	1 00
“ “ “ “ on Cut of Building,	9 80
“ Eastern Argus, advertising,	5 00
“ Transcript, “	6 80
“ Daily Advertiser, “	2 50
“ J. M. Hawkes, Principal, teaching Fall term,	333 33
“ M. S. Merrill, 1st Assistant, “ “ “	108 00
“ E. C. Pittee, 2d “ “ “ “	6 00
“ J. E. Wilder, 2d “ “ “ “	6 00
“ Charles Mountfort, 2d Ass't, “ “ “	5 00
“ R. H. Blanchard, care of building, &c.,	19 00
“ J. M. Hawkes, supplies as per bill,	40 17
“ J. B. Fickett, paint,	4 50
“ Express on stove, book for library, &c.,	1 90
“ J. H. Poor & Brother, 15 tons coal,	69 32
“ S. Bourne, examining roof of Seminary,	1 00
“ J. N. Farwell, labor on stairs, &c.,	1 50

" J. M. Hawkes, Principal, teaching minter term,	333 33
" S. M. Merrill, 1st Assistant, " " "	99 00
" E. C. Pittee, 2d " " " "	6 00
" J. M. Hawkes, supplies as per bill,	21 44
" R. H. Blanchard, care of building " "	20 00
" E. R. Osgood, mending glass,	50
" J. Morrill, drawing 15 tons coal,	26 25
" C. H. Blanchard, supplies as per bill,	9 22
" W. E. Wilson, fitting lock, &c.,	50
" Advertiser, advertising,	1 25
" A. R. Bangs, stove,	12 00
" Blanchard Brothers, supplies as per bill,	7 66
" N. M. Shaw, services as trustee,	1 50
" D. R. Allen, " " "	17 00
" " and man work on chimneys,	3 25
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	\$1,899 08
Cash balance,	110 45
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	\$2,009 53
By Cash balance from last year's account,	\$3 93
" Cash drawn from Portland Savings Bank,	500 00
" Interest on \$12,000, \$6,000 \$2,000 and \$500 Notes,	615 00
" " " " " " " "	615 00
" Cash received from Tuitions, Ball term of 1875,	2 50
" " " " " " and Winter of 1876,	12 00
" " " " Wm. S. Blanchard, by error 1876,	2 60
" " " " Tuitions, Spring term 1877,	98 00
" " " " " Fall " "	102 00
" " " " " Winter " 1878,	58 50
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	\$2,009 53

Respectfully submitted,

D. It. ALLEN,
N. M. SHAW,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD, } Trustees of
Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts,
and found them correctly cast and properly vouchlied.

FRANK W. BLANCHARD, AUDITOR.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The close of the fiscal and school year is a time when it becomes, not only the privilege, but the urgent duty of every citizen to inquire carefully into the condition and standing of the schools; to learn what measure of success has attended the work of the teachers; and to ascertain what causes may be hindering their efficiency and successful progress. We shall endeavor to place before you a clear and brief statement of the condition of the schools as we found them, and as they are, so that all may enter upon the new year with a clear conception of their needs and prospects, and thus be able to act understandingly with reference to their future success.

On the first day of April, 1877, there were in the town 570 scholars between the ages of four and twenty-one, an increase of five on previous year. Of this number nearly one-third have not attended any school during the year, and the average attendance has been less than one-half, or about eight per cent. less than the State average. Let parents remember, that absence and tardiness are the bane of our schools, and the remedy is in their own hands.

We will not enter into detail respecting the particular merit or demerit of each school, but rather give a general outline of the whole.

The amount of money—from all sources—appropriated for our common schools the past year, was \$2,354 33. This was apportioned to the several districts as follows:—

No. Dist.	Schol.	Per cent.	Total.	No. Dist.	Schol.	Per cent.	Total.
1	30	\$55 00	\$156 40	7	43	\$55 00	\$200 34
2	60	50 00	252 80	8	106		358 28
3	78		263 64	9	124		419 12
4	42	63 00	204 96	11	8	50 78	77 82
6	45	55 95	208 05	12	6		20 28
6	4	38 00	51 52	13	24	60 00	141 12

We did not know, till after the money was apportioned, that there was a family with several children on Hope Island, so no provision was made for them, but we trust they will be remembered in future.

The average length of the Summer schools was nine weeks, all taught by females. The average wages being about eight dollars per week, including board; those on the Island receiving about two dollars per week more than those on the Main. The Summer and Fall terms of both schools on the Island were successful. The average of the Winter schools has been about eleven weeks. Three male teachers have been employed, and we think, to good advantage.

There has been no change of text-books during the year, but a change of readers in some of the districts might, perhaps, be made with profit. Here it may not be amiss to say a few words with reference to this important branch of education. Every teacher should be especially ambitious to have his pupils learn to read well. They should be carefully and thoroughly taught the elementary sounds of the language, and how they are made; also to give every syllable a clear and distinct pronunciation. They should fully understand what they read, and be taught to read understandingly. Let teachers remember, that to be a good reader, is important, and requires a quick perception of the *meaning*, as well as proper enunciation of the words. Spelling should also have an important place in all our schools; bad spelling is worse than bad penmanship. Geography—This has been sadly neglected in some of our schools. It is especially adapted to young minds, and its study should be encouraged by both parents and teacher. Map drawing, which has been practiced in a few of the schools, is well adapted to make this study interesting and profitable.

Writing should receive more attention in our schools. To be able to write well, is not only an accomplishment, but a very practical and paying branch of education.

Arithmetic—Let a large share of this study, by all means, be mental. It is used every day of one's life, and should be made practical, and never confined to the book. The teacher

should understand it so well that he could teach it if every text-book was removed from the school-room. It should be taught by principles, rather than by rules and facts. Algebra and Geometry also are essential studies, and can often be pursued with profit even in our common-schools.

Grammar — Perhaps there is no single branch in which our teachers so generally fail as in that of Grammar. To teach this successfully, it must be done to a great extent, orally, and from the board. This is especially true of young pupils and beginners. If taught orally, the teacher may make what, at first seems dry and uninteresting, both *interesting* and pleasant.

We have thus far spoken of practical studies ; not that we would exclude all others, but the want of practical knowledge, not only among our scholars, but with our teachers, has been sadly apparent. Our boys and girls, who must soon act for themselves, need something more than a mere knowledge of text-books, to make them successful in life. Good tools are as necessary for the school-room, as for the mechanic or farmer. Every school should be supplied, not only with suitable text-books, but with plenty of black-boards, outline maps, Globe, and a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

The school-room should receive careful attention. It should be kept neat, and made to look cheerful and attractive. Some of our school-houses are in bad condition, and I would kindly remind parents, that, if they send their children to a dirty, neglected, unpleasant school room, they will be sure to develop habits of carelessness and inattention. A few dollars expended in paper and paint will often do much to help make a successful school.

We would say to our island friends, that while we commend them for their manifest interest in their schools, it seems to us that the system of grading in District No. 9 might be changed with profit. We have sometimes thought that if the two districts were united, having their Summer schools as they *now* do, at each end of the Island, and their Fall and Winter terms in a good building near the center, it would give them privileges equal to almost any free high school in the State.

Parents and Teachers ! The future prosperity of this country and the happiness of its citizens rest upon you. It is yours to solve the great problem,—“ What the nation shall be, in its growth, intelligence and morals.” Remember that teaching is an art, requiring both natural and acquired skill of no ordinary kind. The training of the human mind is the *noblest* as well as the most *important* work in which man or woman can engage. There is so large amount of detail in the method and material of instruction, that it requires the most careful training to fit one to be an efficient teacher. For this and other reasons, Normal schools are indispensable ; and as we are to have one so near as Gorham, we would kindly advise our teachers to avail themselves of its advantages, or give up the business.

In conclusion we would say, let us work together. In no case let the teacher be fully engaged without consulting the Supervisor. And let us not forget that we have, in our *own* town, a school, free to every child between the ages of twelve and twenty-one, that *ought* to be better than a thousand dollars to any one who will avail himself of its advantages.

Particular reports of any school mill be given in Town-meeting if requested.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. SWEETSER, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

